

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Schumann on 7/13/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 9, delete "pyrocarbon and," and insert therefor – pyrocarbon on its articular surfaces and,--;

In claim 1, lines 12-13, delete "solid nonflexible";

*MP 8.26.10* In claim 9, line <sup>8</sup>~~20~~ delete "which is a segment of a spheroid" and insert therefor-- which is a segment of a spheroid, which disk is a graphite core coated with wear resistant pyrocarbon on its articular surfaces and,--;

*MP 8.26.10* In claim 9, line <sup>12</sup>~~24~~, delete "solid nonflexible";

*MP 8.26.10* In claim 16, line <sup>6</sup>~~4~~ delete "solid nonflexible material";

*MP 8.26.10* In claim 16, line <sup>10</sup>~~8~~ delete "which is a segment of a spheroid" and insert therefor – which is a segment of a spheroid, which disk is a graphite core coated with wear resistant pyrocarbon on its articular surfaces and,--;

*MP 8.26.10* In claim 16, line <sup>13</sup>~~14~~ delete "solid nonflexible"